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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED  
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 3626**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Offutt et al.  
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS  
FOR DETERMINING  
NON-OBVIOUS SAVINGS IN  
THE PURCHASE OF GOODS

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action of October 22, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 10, 12, 21, 23, 32, 36, 44, 49 and 50 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A method for providing information regarding savings associated with travel alternatives comprising the steps, performed by a processor, of:  
receiving a request from a user reflecting a travel itinerary, wherein the request includes information identifying an originating location and a destination;  
analyzing the travel itinerary to determine a set of alternative itineraries comparable to the travel itinerary specified in the request based on selected rules associated with travel, wherein the analyzing step includes identifying any intermediate locations in a route between the originating location and the destination, and wherein the analyzing step includes identifying at